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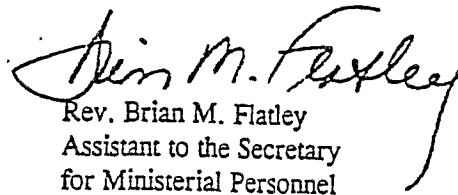
Rev. Paul R. Shanley  
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Dear Paul,

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 2, 1996. While I recognize the fact that there are a number of stressors in your situation, I have to reiterate that appearances can lead to erroneous conclusions. In the sensitive matters with which we are dealing we have to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Some of the issues you raised came to me and to you through Monsignor O'Donnell. Perhaps it would be helpful to share some of your concerns with him.

Thank you for your words of support. You are in my Lenten prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Brian M. Flatley  
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